

Easterling, Deborah

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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 5:04 PM
To: 'melissa brame'
Subject: RE: docket 2011-271-E

Dear Ms. Brame,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Assistant

From: melissa brame [<mailto:hoodoomama@bellsouth.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 11:35 AM
To: Contact
Subject: docket 2011-271-E

here is my letter of protest against Duke Energy's proposed rate increase.
Melissa Brame

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Letter of Protest

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Date: * November 09, 2011

in Docket * 2011 - 271 - E

Protestant Information:

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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Duke Energy

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am writing to ask that the South Carolina PSC deny Duke Energy's request (Docket 2011-271-E) for a 17% rate hike.

Duke Energy's request to raise energy rates 17% is excessive and unwarranted. They had a 9% rate hike LAST YEAR! In 2010 Duke had record profits of \$1.3 billion (a 23% increase) and their CEO had a compensation package totaling \$8.8 million.

This is the worst economic time to raise energy costs for working families, seniors, and small businesses, especially for a risky undertaking such as building a new nuclear power plant. If Duke Energy and other utilities can't get a loan from big banks because a project is too risky, please don't raise my rates and force me to gamble on that same proposal!

Other states that have enacted legislation that funds "construction work in progress", such as Florida, have witnessed unacceptable energy rate hikes to match rising construction costs and delays. It's even possible that some nuclear plants for which consumers have been "pre-paying" may now be cancelled.

Instead of a cost increase to support old polluting technologies, like coal power plants, we need to focus on savings from energy efficiency programs that could save families money, lead to cleaner air and water, and promote a green energy economy in South Carolina.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *
(This section should be completed.)

I cannot due to a schedule conflict